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FOR: Method Of Selecting A Salt For

Making An Inclusion Complex

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# PRELIMINARY COMMENT

In the matter of the above-identified application, in which a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) is being filed herewith, the following represents Applicants' preliminary comments in regard to the CPA.

### REMARKS

A Notice of Appeal was filed in this application on August 7, 2000. As a preliminary matter, please note the Petition for four months extension of time enclosed herewith, thereby extending the term for response to February 7, 2001, the date on which this CPA is being filed.

### The Issues

The issues presented for consideration herein are the same as those in the Final Office Action dated February 7, 2000. There is one rejection outstanding under 35 USC 112, and one rejection outstanding under 35 USC 103 over a single piece of prior art, Bryant, US 5,624,940.

#### The Invention

The invention relates to a method of selecting a salt, from among a series of salts, which has a solubility in a cyclodextrin equal to or greater than a desired target